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SUBJECT: MINISTER FOR EDUCATION BEAZLEY' S COMMENTS IN
HOUSE ON NORTHWEST CAPE STATION MARCH 7

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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM STATEMENT MADE BY ALP MEMBER
KIM BEAZLEY FROM WESTERN AUSTRALIA IN HOUSE OF REPRESENT-
ATIVES MARCH 7. BEAZLEY IS ALSO MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN
CURRENT GOVERNMENT.

2. " THIS VLF STATION HAS VERY IMPORTANT CONNOTATIONS FOR
AUSTRALIA. OF ALL OF THE WEAPONS THAT AUSTRLIA HAS PERHAPS
LEAST INTEREST IN SEEING DEVELOPED IN THE WORLD, THE POLARIS
SUBMARINE HAPPENS TO BE IT."

3. " IT (POLARIS SUBMARINE) IS NOT A WEAPON THAT WE SHOULD BE
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IF THERE WERE
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A DEVELOPMENT OF TENSION IN THE WORLD THAT CAUSED THE SOVIET UNION TO ATTACK THE NORTHWEST CAPE INSTALLATION, THE UNITED STATES WOULD NECESSARILY TREAT THAT AS THE CASUS BELLI AND SENTENCE TO DEATH 100 MILLION AMERICANS IN RETALIATION FOR AN ATTACK ON THAT STATION."

4. ZI AM SPEAKING ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE OF INTEREST BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IN THE CREATION OF THIS NORTHWEST CAPE INSTALLATION. THERE ARE ENORMOUS ADVANTAGES TO THE UNITED STATES. THE ADVANTAGES TO AUSTRALIA ARE EXTREMELY PROBLEM-ATICAL IF ONE POSTULATES A SITUATION OF EXTREME TENSION WHERE WE MAY BE MOVING TOWARDS NUCLEAR WAR."

5. " WE SAY THAT BECAUSE OF THE DISPARITY OF RISK THIS WHOLE QUESTION SHOULD BE RENEGOTIATED SO THAT IT CAN BECOME QUITE CLEAR THAT WITHOUT OUR CONSENT THE VLF STATION IN THE NORTHWEST IS NOT USED."

6. FULL TEXT OF BEAZLEY' S STATEMENT BEING TRANSMITTED BY AIR POUCH.
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